

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Song (US 6,600,539). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection because the cited reference does not disclose or suggest the second slits intersecting with and extending in a direction nearly at right angles of the first slits as viewed in a direction perpendicularly to the substrate surface. As now described in claim 1, the second slits not only extend in a direction nearly at right angles of the first slits, they also intersect the first slits.

Song discloses a liquid crystal display including a pixel electrode 120 having an aperture 121 extending vertically in the top half of the pixel electrode, and three apertures 122 which extend horizontally in the lower half of the pixel electrode. The device of Song also includes a common electrode opposite the pixel electrode 120, and includes a pair of apertures 211 adjacent the aperture 121 of the pixel electrode, and two apertures 212 which are adjacent the apertures 122 of the pixel electrode, when viewed in a direction perpendicular to the pixel electrode (see Fig. 4). In Song, none of the apertures 121 or 122 on the pixel electrode 120 intersect apertures 211 or 212 formed on the common electrode.

In contrast, the second slits in the second electrode of the present invention intersect the first slits nearly at right angles. This feature is not disclosed or suggested in Song. For this reason, independent claim 1 and its dependent claims 2-7 are believed to be allowable over Song.

Claims 4 and 6-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Song. Applicant traverses this rejection for the reasons given with respect to claim 1, from which these claims depend, and because of the additional features that they recite.

For all of the above reasons, Applicants request reconsideration and allowance of the claimed invention. The Examiner should contact Applicants' undersigned attorney if a telephone conference would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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